# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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BACKWARDS AMONGST MINORITIES
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of backward class people among minorities indicating the reasons for their backwardness;

(b) the remedial measures taken by the Government for removal of their backwardness;

(c) whether the Government would keep in mind both of these points while providing reservation to the minorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) The socially and educationally backward sections among the minorities have been included in the Central list of Other Backward Classes as per recommendations of National Commission for Backward Classes. No data regarding number of backward class people among minorities is available, as no separate enumeration for backward classes has yet been conducted.

(b)to(d) The Government is implementing various schemes for the educational and economic development of minorities. Details are available on the website of the Ministry: www.socialjustice.nic.in Besides, National Commission to recommend measures for the welfare of socially and economically backward sections among the religious and linguistic Minorities, including reservation in education and Government employment has been constituted. The Commission will lay down the criteria for identification of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities.